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TO: Board Members
FROM: Gary Fish, Certification Specialist
SUBJECT: Chapter 26 Public Health Pests Designated by the Board

Section 4(C) of Chapter 26 requires pest identification and assessment of infestation severity prior to application of a pesticide except for:

1. Where there is a history of pest infestation...
2. For specific public health pests designated by Board Policy...

The Board needs to consider what pests to designate as public health pests before the rule takes effect in January. During the many discussions about the rule, members suggested that the initial pest to go on this list would be Bedbugs.

Therefore I propose that you consider adopting the attached policy.